

DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE

Pre-Nuptial Investigation/Permission-Dispensation Form

This entire form must be sent to the Chancellor: (a) if a dispensation or special permission (except permission for an ecumenical marriage), is needed; (b) if the marriage will take place in another diocese that requires a *Visum est.*; or (c) if there is a question about the marriage.

Please Print:

FOR CHANCERY USE ONLY

Groom		Bride	
Date of Birth	Baptized Yes or No	Date of Birth	Baptized Yes or No
Date and Time of Marriage		Date and Time of Rehearsal	
Priest/Deacon Arranging Marriage		Priest/Deacon Officiating at Marriage	
Diocese in which Marriage will be celebrated		Parish in which Marriage will be recorded	
Name of Church in which Marriage will be celebrated		Religion/Denomination of the Church in which Marriage will be celebrated	
Address			
City		State	Zip code
Witness (1)		Witness (2)	

Delegation

Delegation to witness the marriage is needed for the **validity** of the marriage. The local Ordinary, the pastor, and the clergy assigned to a parish in the Diocese of Knoxville can delegate the faculty to assist at a marriage within their territory to any validly ordained priest or deacon who is in good standing. (C.f. Faculties 2.1)

Delegation is granted to:

Priest/Deacon Parish/City

Delegation is granted by:

Local Ordinary/Pastor/other Clergy of the parish Parish

Visum est

When the marriage is to take place in a location other than the Diocese of Knoxville, a *Visum est* is required by the diocese(s). To obtain this *Visum est.*, send the completed marriage file to the Chancery, attention of the Chancellor.

Bishop/Delegate of the Bishop Diocese Date

[Diocesan seal]

Permission for Marriage of the Catholic party (s) to celebrate their marriage outside of (his/her/their) home parish. (Canon 1115)

If the marriage will take place in a parish other than that of (a) both Catholic parties, or (b) the Catholic party in a mixed marriage, permission of their own pastor is required. A letter suffices.

Permission is herewith granted by:

Pastor Date

Parish City State

Pre-Nuptial Investigation Information:

Please Print:

Groom

Last Name	First	Middle
Date of Birth		Current Religion

Bride

Last Name	First	Middle
Date of Birth		Current Religion

- If both parties are baptized, but only one is Catholic, please fill out the Permission for an Ecumenical Marriage found below.
- If one of the parties is unbaptized, you must request a dispensation from Disparity of Cult, please complete petition on page 3.

Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home/Cell Phone		Work Phone
Email address		
Parish of Residence		
Father's Name		Religion
Mother's (maiden) Name		Religion
Parent's Address		
Years of Catholic Education		

Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home/Cell Phone		Work Phone
Email address		
Parish of Residence		
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Mother's (maiden) Name		Religion
Parent's Address		
Years of Catholic Education		

- Baptized: Yes No
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Evidence of baptism: (Circle one) Certificate Testimony

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Please provide a recently issued (within the past six months) baptismal certificate.
If no baptismal certificate can be obtained please fill out form 4.4.4. Testimony of the Fact of Baptism.

Full Communion: (if applicable) Date

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Where

Confirmation: Yes No

Where

Confirmation: Yes No

Where Date

Where Date

Extent to Which You Practice Your Faith: Regularly Occasionally
 Seldom Never

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DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE-PETITION FOR MARRIAGE DISPENSATION AND/OR PERMISSION

805 S. NORTSHORE DRIVE•KNOXVILLE TN 37919

GROOM**BRIDE**

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party (Canon 1125)

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ, and with God's help I intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children, by having them baptized and raised as Catholics. We have discussed our religious beliefs and practices. We intend to be faithful to one another until death, and we intend a marriage which is permanent.

Signature _____

Date _____

Declaration by Priest or Deacon Witness

The required declaration and promise have been made by the Catholic party in my presence. The other party has been informed of this requirement and he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic party. I hereby grant permission for an Ecumenical Marriage.

Priest _____

Parish _____

Date _____

For the spiritual welfare of this couple and for just canonical reasons, I hereby petition for the dispensation and/or permission indicated below.

Signature of Priest or Deacon _____

Date of Petition _____

Dispensation(s)		Chancery No.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disparity of Cult	A marriage between two persons, one of whom was baptized in the Catholic Church or received into it and who has not left it by formal act and the other of whom is not baptized. (C. 1086)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of Canonical Form	Mixed Marriage <u>will not be</u> contracted before the local ordinary, pastor, ordained Catholic priest or ordained Catholic deacon. (C. 1127) Dispensation won't be granted for 2 Catholics.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Circle one)	Abduction, Adoption, Affinity, Age, Consanguinity, Crime, Holy Orders, Public Propriety, and Perpetual Vow.

Reason(s) for Dispensation Request

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-founded hope of conversion of non-Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Danger of marriage outside of Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual good of the parties | <input type="checkbox"/> Achieve family harmony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced age | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of grave scandal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize relationship with a non-Catholic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

The dispensation(s) indicated above is/are hereby granted.

Ordinary (or Chancellor as delegate by faculty) _____ Date _____

Chancellor (or other ecclesiastical notary) _____ Date _____

After the marriage takes place the responsible cleric shall complete the following: I _____, certify that the aforementioned marriage took place on the following date _____, then make a copy of this page only and send to the Chancellor. The original form is to be kept in the couple's marriage file, notation should be made in the parish sacramental register, and notification is to be sent to the Catholic's church of baptism.

Permission (other than Ecumenical Marriage)

Chancery No. _____

- Permission to marry a party affected by canon 1071. (Transients, censure, etc.) or canon 1102 (past conditions). **(A written explanation of specific circumstances must be attached).**
- Permission to celebrate marriage in a non-parochial Catholic or non-Catholic church, chapel or oratory.

Reason(s) for Permission Request

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-founded hope of conversion of non-Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Achieve family harmony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual good of the parties | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of grave scandal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize relationship with a non-Catholic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

The permission(s) indicated above is/are hereby granted.

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Permission for an Ecumenical Marriage

In accordance with the faculties granted to priests/deacons serving in the Diocese of Knoxville (*Faculties 2.1*) priests and deacons are permitted for a just and reasonable cause to marry two baptized persons, one of whom was baptized in the Catholic Church or received into it after baptism, and the other of whom belongs to a Church or an ecclesial community not in full communion with the Catholic Church, provided that the conditions mentioned in canon 1125 are fulfilled.

 Signature

Date

Nihil Obstat

This is required (a) if a dispensation is needed; (b) if marriage will take place in another diocese; which requires a *nihil obstat* (c) if parties have no fixed residence; (d) if there have been any previous attempts at marriage.

On the basis of the documents presented, there is no objection of the witnessing of this marriage.

 Delegate of Ordinary

Diocese

Date

 Dispensation

Other Information: (If Applicable)

CHECKLIST:

- (a) pre-nuptial investigation form []
- (b) baptismal certificate(s) within 6 months-with confirmation notation on back []
- (c) signed freedom to marry affidavits []
- (d) certificate of completion-marriage preparation course []
- (e) baptismal certificate(s) obtained []
- (f) affidavits of freedom signed []
- (g) civil license obtained prior to marriage and completed after marriage []
- (h) marriage preparation requirements have been fulfilled []
- (i) delegation, if needed []
- (j) permissions, if needed []
- (k) dispensations, if needed []
- (l) decree(s) of nullity if needed; include authenticated copies with marriage papers []
- (m) death certificate if needed; include authenticated copies with marriage papers []
- (n) record the fact of the marriage in the parish register []
- (o) if a dispensation was granted, notify the Chancery that the marriage occurred []
- (p) send notice to the parish(es) of baptism []
- (q) place marriage papers in parish archives []

Questionnaire - Groom

Each party should be interviewed separately. The interviewer should ask the questions and write the answers.

The priest/deacon, having reminded the groom-to-be of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask: Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the following questions that shall be submitted to you, so help you God? _____

Please Print:

Groom

Full Name: _____

Individual Diriment Impediments

1. When did you meet your intended bride?		
2. What date did you get engaged?		
3. Are you over the age of 18? (1083)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Is there anything that would impede your ability to have children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, please explain		
5. Have you ever been married previously in a Catholic ceremony or any other religious or civil ceremony? (Please list in the previous marriage section on the opposite page)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Note: Priest/deacon should determine if previous spouse is deceased. If yes, priest/deacon should investigate cause of death to eliminate any possible impediment of crime. (Canon 1090).		
6. Are your obligations, if any, toward your former spouse or children being justly met?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
7. Has your intended bride ever been married in a Catholic ceremony or any other religious or civil ceremony?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Give the name of her spouse(s) (Please list in the previous marriage section on the opposite page)		
8. Have you ever received Holy Orders? (To be asked only if Catholic)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Have you ever made profession in a religious Community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, do you have proof of your release from these vows?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
10. Is any person or circumstance forcing you to enter this marriage against your own will?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Are you related to your intended bride by blood (kinship), or by legal relationship (in-laws), or by adoption?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, state the degree of relationship, e.g., cousin, aunt, etc.) Canon 1091-1094		

Matrimonial Consent

12. Do either of you have any physical or psychological condition(s) which would prevent you from fulfilling your duties as a spouse, or affect your marriage in some other way?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, please explain		
13. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Do you intend to always be faithful to your wife in this marriage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. Do you intend for this marriage to be a partnership of the whole of life, based on mutual self-giving, and ordered toward the good of you and your future spouse?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Do you intend to cooperate with your intended spouse in marital acts which are open to the generation of children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
17. Does your intended bride accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
18. Do you intend to cooperate in the education and upbringing of the children born in this marriage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19. Are there any personal qualities or events in your life that are unknown to your intended spouse which might affect her willingness to marry you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, please specify		
20. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions, or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
21. Do you have a pre-nuptial agreement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
22. Has anyone in either of your families expressed reservations about this marriage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, specify		
(For the priest/deacon): Is this proposed marriage a convalidation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, and after any necessary catechesis/instruction, ask the party: Do you understand that your proposed marriage is not simply a reaffirmation of your original consent, or a "blessing" of your current union, which you know or think was null from the beginning, but rather an exchange of consent which is a new act of the will?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

Groom (List Previous Marriages Below)

(1) With Whom	When
Where <i>(Catholic/Other/Civil)</i>	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death) Decrees must be included in the file</i>
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Comments	

Declaration of Intent

I understand the rights and essential obligations of Christian marriage. Accordingly, I am entering this marriage freely, I intend to be faithful to my wife until death, and I pray that our marriage will be blessed with children. My signature below testifies to the truth of the above answers and intent.

Groom's signature

Date

Priest/deacon remarks concerning this couple and this Proposed Marriage (optional):

Statement of Cleric

I attest this groom has been instructed concerning the sanctity, obligations and rights of marriage and that I have investigated his freedom to marry.

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